

Civil Air Patrol's 2004 National Board & Annual Conference

TODAY'S MISSIONS - TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGY



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Dear Civil Air Patrol National Board Members

This year's National Board and Annual Conference will be one of the most progressive and forward-looking programs we've ever undertaken. Our theme, "Today's Missions – Tomorrow's Technology," reflects Civil Air Patrol's commitment to embracing high-tech advances that will help us serve our nation and communities more effectively.

This year we'll be focusing on how we can interface with today's technically sophisticated military and emergency management agencies. We'll be looking at the nation's new space initiative and how that affects our aerospace education program. We'll be looking at CAP's cadet programs and how they're meeting and anticipating the needs of a generation raised with computers, cell phones and the World Wide Web. And we'll see how our chaplains and moral leadership officers are serving in a post- 9/11 world where, each day, crisis intervention and ethical questions are becoming more urgent and more complicated.

Please encourage the members of your regions and wings to attend this year's conference. This is an extraordinary opportunity for them to exchange ideas and develop a more comprehensive perspective on CAP as a national program. Since many of those attending will be recognized for national awards, our gathering will include some of the best and brightest minds in our organization. The convergence of so many focused and committed volunteers cannot help but impact CAP in a positive way.

Attached is a flyer giving the registration details for the conference. I encourage you to make the flyer available to everyone in your region or wing. Encourage them to respond soon and to take advantage of this year's easy online registration. Of course, it goes without saying that I hope you'll do the same!

As always, the National Board will meet prior to and simultaneously with the conference. This year, the Board will meet on Thursday, August 19 and Friday, August 20. One of our first orders of business will be the election of the new CAP National Commander and Vice Commander. I encourage you to make this meeting a top priority. You owe it to your constituents to cast votes based on solid information and a keen awareness of CAP's future goals, and in no way can you better serve CAP than to lend your voice to the democratic process.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and your commitment to Civil Air Patrol and to our nation. I look forward to seeing you in Tampa for the 2004 CAP annual conference.

Semper Vigilans

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Attachment:
National conference flyer



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